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# FOREWORD

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The services in this book have been gathered from many sources. For the past ten years a number of clergymen and other people interested in liturgics have examined, compared, sifted, and experimented with hundreds of services both ancient and modern with a view to enriching the devotional experience of present-day Christians. Whoever uses this book, whether clergyman or layman, will know best how and when to employ each service, now shortening by wise omissions, now lengthening by the addition of hymns, Bible readings, or prayers. On the whole the aim of the collection is to place in the hands of the Christian people forms of service which can be used on many occasions in Church, parish-house, school, home, cottage, or camp. The attempt has been made to clothe with the dignity of liturgical form thoughts that express the religious needs of modern life.

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# DEVOTIONAL OFFICES

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## A LITANY

KNEELING

Pardon, O Lord, our offences, and the offences of our forefathers. Thou hast shown us thy ways, and we have forsaken thee; thou hast brought us to great honour, and we weary of thy service; yet spare us, good Lord, and all our nation, and give us grace and time for the amendment of our lives;
*Spare us, good Lord.*

From idleness and wandering thoughts, from feeble purpose and low ideals, from wilful blindness to thy presence and deafness to thy call;
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From selfish love of money and of ease, from fear of discomfort and of pain, and from all sloth and cowardice;
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From evil thoughts and conversation, from insincerity and dishonesty in word or work, from the temptations that most easily beset us, and from the sin of leading others into wrong;
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From distrust, suspicion, and contempt; from prejudice, and want of sympathy with any of thy children; from all unholy strife, and from whatsoever in us hinders thy work on earth;
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From depression; from over-anxiety for ourselves or for others; from want of faith in thee and in thy hope for us, our country, and all the world;
*Good Lord, deliver us.*

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, good Lord; and that it may please thee to bless the President of the United States, and all who bear authority in this land, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety may be established among us for all generations;
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to send thy grace upon all ministers of thy Word, and upon those committed to their charge, that they may grow in strength and purity, in faith and godliness;
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to defend our land from war and pestilence, from the snares of wealth and the bitterness of poverty, and from sudden disaster and calamity;
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give us strength sufficient for the day's toil; to lend us courage in difficulty, guidance in perplexity, and a sense of thy love in our enjoyment and success;
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to assist with thy grace those who are labouring to draw all nations unto thee, and to build up thy Church in all the world;
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to show to each of us what work thou hast prepared for him to do;

and that he may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same;
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to visit with thy blessing all who are near and dear to us, all who pray for us, and all who desire or need our prayers;
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to defend us with thy heavenly grace, that we may continue thy faithful soldiers and servants unto our life's end;
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

Let us thank God for his favour and goodness towards us.

**(Leader and People)**

*O God of love, We yield thee thanks for whatsoever thou hast given us richly to enjoy; For health and vigour, For the love and care of home, For joys of friendship, And for every good gift of happiness and strength. We praise thee for all thy servants who by their example and encouragement have helped us on our way,*

*And for every vision of thyself which thou hast given us in sacrament or prayer; And we humbly beseech thee that all these thy benefits we may use in thy service, And to the glory of thy holy Name; Through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. Amen.*

Satisfy us with thy mercy, O Lord, from day to day, that in fulness of joy we may walk before thee with a perfect heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
*Amen.*

## A PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

STANDING

Let us come boldly unto the throne of grace.
*That we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

The Lord be with you.
*And with thy spirit.*
Let us pray.

KNEELING

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who lovest all and forgettest none, we bring to thee our supplications for all thy children.

For all whom we love, and all upon whom we bestow our watchful care;
*We beseech thee to hear us, O God.*

For all who have blessed us with kindness, led us with patience, and restored us by their sympathy and help;
*We beseech thee to hear us, O God.*

For all who have wished or done us ill, that thou wouldst turn their hearts to penitence, and ours to blessing;
*We beseech thee to hear us, O God.*

For all prisoners and captives, and all who suffer from oppression, that thou wouldst manifest thy mercy towards them, and make the heart of men merciful as thine own;
*We beseech thee to hear us, O God.*

For all who bear the cross of suffering, the sick in body or in mind;
*We beseech thee to hear us, O God.*

For all who are troubled by the suffering or sin of those they love;
*We beseech thee to hear us, O God.*

For all who are visited by worldly loss, that in the dark and cloudy day they may find their peace in thee;
*We beseech thee to hear us, O God.*

For all who are absorbed in their own grief, that they may be raised to share the sorrows of

their brethren, and to know the secret and blessed fellowship of the Cross;
*We beseech thee to hear us, O God.*

For all who are suffering because of their faithfulness to conviction and duty; that renunciation may bring strength, and sacrifice, joy; and that they may have thy grace, who seest in secret, and come at last to an open reward;
*We beseech thee to hear us, O God.*

For all perplexed by the deeper questions of life, and overshadowed with doubt, that light may arise in their darkness;
*We beseech thee to hear us, O God.*

For all who are tried by passionate temptations or mean suggestions, that thy mercy may be their salvation;
*We beseech thee to hear us, O God.*

For all who are lonely and sad in the midst of others' joys, that they may know thee as their Friend and Comforter;
*We beseech thee to hear us, O God.*

For the infirm and aged, and for all who are passing through the valley of death, that they

may find their strength in thee, and light at evening time;
*We beseech thee to hear us, O God.*

For all forgotten by us, but dear to thee; for the whole family in heaven and in earth;
*We beseech thee to hear us, O God.*

O God, our Father, have regard to our intercessions, answer them according to thy will, and make us the channels of thine infinite pity and helpfulness, worthy to pray as our Master hath taught us,

(Leader and People)

*Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore.
*Amen.*

## A LITANY OF FELLOWSHIP

KNEELING

Father, be with us.
Christ, be with us.
Holy Spirit, be with us.
*Be with us, Holy Trinity, One God.*

In that we have forgotten the new commandment which was given us, that we should love one another;
*Forgive, and convert us.*

In that we have shared in the failures of our Church, have been weak in her weaknesses, and have added to her stains;
*Forgive, and convert us.*

In that we have failed to be true to the teaching of Christ, have distorted the proportion of the Faith, have disabled the work of our Master, divided his Body, and delayed his coming;
*Forgive, and convert us.*

In that we have been of little faith, paralyzed by our want of hope, and futile for our great lack of charity;
*Forgive, and convert us.*

For the peace that is from above, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray unto God.
*Lord, be with us.*

For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy Churches of God, and for the union of them all, let us pray unto God.
*Lord, be with us.*

For our own Church, that she may be shaped to the standard of that perfect Fellowship, eternal in the heavens;
*Dear Lord, we pray thee.*

That our Church may become alive again with the fire of her first charity, fearless of danger and reckless unto death, in the splendour of that Life which is the light of the world;
*Dear Lord, we pray thee.*

That she may be worthy of her liberty, persistent in reform, active in benevolence, trustful of

the people, and ever faithful to the Jerusalem which is above and is free, and the mother of us all;
*Dear Lord, we pray thee.*

That our young men and women may have sight of her, pure and fair as a bride adorned, coming down out of heaven;
*Dear Lord, we pray thee.*

That our eyes may kindle to her beauty, when she looks forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners;
*Dear Lord, we pray thee.*

That her old men may dream dreams, and her young men see visions; that her sons and her daughters may prophesy, bearing eager witness of her beauty to the world;
*Dear Lord, we pray thee.*

That all her members, putting self aside, disinterested and pure in heart, may seek the truth, and rejoice to see thee as thou art;
*Dear Lord, we pray thee.*

That her ministers may be good, and wise, strong, and very courageous, competent in their work, and faithful in their witness;
*Dear Lord, we pray thee.*

That her Bishops, full of insight and imagination, may venture in great things, not exercising dominion, but as true leaders of the people;
*Dear Lord, we pray thee.*

That her councils and assemblies may be keen to go forward, filled with the wisdom of the Spirit, to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem;
*Dear Lord, we pray thee.*

That all the people of the City of God may take up their citizenship as fellow-workers in the democracy of Christ;
*Dear Lord, we pray thee.*

That her scholars may have disciples, her prophets hearers, her saints imitators, and all her pioneers many multitudes to follow in their steps;
*Dear Lord, we pray thee.*

That we may forsake that love of party which keeps us from loving one another, and so, com-

ing in friendship together, may with all our brethren find the overpowering love of God, which shall knit us together in one Church;
*Dear Lord, we pray thee.*

And finally, that thy Church, with love recovered in her midst, may teach all men to love one another, and all nations to dwell together in helpfulness and friendship, reconciled and redeemed;
*Dear Lord, we pray thee.*

Father, be with us all.
Christ, be with us all.
Holy Spirit, be with us all.
*Be with us, Holy God, now and for evermore.*
*Amen.*

# A LITANY OF THE INCARNATION

KNEELING

O Jesus Christ, the Lord of all good life, who hast called us to build the City of God; Enrich and purify our lives, and deepen in us our discipleship. Help us daily to know more of thee, that through us, by the power of thy Spirit, thou mayest show forth thyself to other men. Make us humble, brave, and loving. Make us ready for adventure. We do not ask that thou wilt keep us safe, but that thou wilt keep us loyal to thee; who for us didst face death unafraid, and dost live and reign for ever and ever.
*Amen.*

From lack of reverence for truth and beauty; from prejudice and all false sentiment; from contentment with the mean and ugly;
*O Christ, deliver us.*

From the cowardice that dare not face new truth, the laziness contented with half-truths,

and the arrogance of thinking that we know all truths;
*O Christ, deliver us.*

From artificiality in life, in worship, and in ministering; from all that is hollow, unreal, and insincere;
*O Christ, deliver us.*

From trivial ideals and cheap pleasures; from mistaking coarseness or vulgarity for humour;
*O Christ, deliver us.*

From being dull and pompous; from being rude, offensive, or ill-mannered;
*O Christ, deliver us.*

From the blasphemy of cynicism toward our brethren made in the image of God; from vanity, intolerance, and contempt;
*O Christ, deliver us.*

From all uncleanness and unwholesomeness; from selfishness, slackness, and self-indulgence;
*O Christ, deliver us.*

From the false piety which cannot laugh; from being self-centered in our pity; from being nar-

rowly ecclesiastical; and from loving systems more than thee;
*O Christ, deliver us.*

From everything in our lives and methods which may hide the true light of thee, who art the Light of the world;
*O Christ, deliver us.*

From the disloyalty of being satisfied with things as they are, in the Church and in the world; and from failing to share thy indignation;
*O Christ, deliver us.*

We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts, that as we have known thy incarnation by the message of an angel, so by thy Cross and passion we may be brought unto the glory of thy resurrection; for the honour of thy holy Name.
*Amen.*

That thou wilt so reveal thyself in us, that through us men may be drawn to the love of thee;
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That thou wilt give us the gifts of Galilee, the gifts of gaiety and freedom and simplicity, to make our world grow young again;
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That thou wilt pour thy spirit more and more into the life of men, giving us clean laughter and good sportsmanship; kindness, generosity, and gentleness; honour, courtesy, and self-control;
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That thou wilt reveal thyself in fellowship; that a world which rests on competition may learn from thee the nature of the Father, and by the power of thy Spirit live in love according to his will;
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That thou wilt inspire science, art, and letters to be the expression of thee through human skill;
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That thou wilt consecrate the discontent of the young and the rebellious, and strengthen the

prophets that they may be forerunners of thy kingdom;
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That thou wilt give such power to thy Church that she may have life, and life more abundantly, with courage to go forward daringly, trusting in thy leadership and unfettered by the past;
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That thou wilt give courage, vision, and true wisdom to our leaders, that they may guide the Church aright to face the issues of this present time;
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That thou wilt so change human nature by thy Spirit in the hearts of men, that old things may pass away and there may be a new creation;
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That all mankind, coming to the knowledge of thee, may grow into that perfection which is thy Father's will;
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That the time which thou hast promised may come, when all shall be in subjection under thee, thy kingdom be established in power, and thou be all in all;
*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

Till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of thee, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of thy fulness
*Amen.*

# A LITANY OF THE CHURCH

KNEELING

O God the Father, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named;
O God the Son, given to be Head over the Church;
O God the Holy Spirit, Love of the Father and the Son;
O Holy Trinity, Eternal love;
*Have mercy upon us.*

By thy ministry of healing and forgiveness; by thy seeking and saving the lost; by thy words of eternal life;
*Help us, good Lord.*

By thy calling and training of the twelve Apostles; by thy promise to build thy Church; by thy institution of the holy Sacraments;
*Help us, good Lord.*

By the love shown in thy crucifixion; by the power of thy resurrection; by the glory of thy

ascension; and by the indwelling of thy Holy Spirit;
*Help us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to strengthen and enlarge thy holy Church in every land, and to unite all those who profess and call themselves Christians, in faith, and hope, and charity;
*We beseech thee, good Lord.*

That thy Church may strive not for its own safety, but for the world's salvation, seeking only thy kingdom and thy righteousness;
*We beseech thee, good Lord.*

That thy Church may proclaim the Gospel throughout the whole earth, and make disciples of all nations;
*We beseech thee, good Lord.*

That thou wilt grant to all Bishops and Ministers of thy Word and Sacraments the spirit of wisdom, power, and love, and call many more to the work of thy ministry;
*We beseech thee, good Lord.*

That thou wilt give to all thy people grace to understand and to believe thy Word, and to show forth their faith in their lives;
*We beseech thee, good Lord.*

That we may reverently and rightly use thy Sacraments, and be strengthened in body and soul by thy heavenly grace;
*We beseech thee, good Lord.*

That thou wilt remove from us all hatred, prejudice, and narrowness of thought, that we may receive and rejoice in all that thou revealest;
*We beseech thee, good Lord.*

That thou wilt guide us in all perplexities of belief and conduct, that we may hold fast that which is true, and faithfully confess thee before men;
*We beseech thee, good Lord.*

That regardless of the praise or contempt of the world, thy Church may worship and adore thee in spirit and in truth;
*We beseech thee, good Lord.*

And as we pray for the Church universal, so let us pray for God's blessing on the Church in this place:

Here may the faithful find salvation, and the careless be awakened;
*Amen.*

Here may the doubting find faith, and the anxious be encouraged;
*Amen.*

Here may the tempted find help, and the sorrowful comfort;
*Amen.*

Here may the weary find rest, and the strong be renewed;
*Amen.*

Here may the aged find consolation, and the young be inspired;
*Amen.*

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, ac-

cording to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus, unto all generations, for ever and ever.
*Amen.*

## AN OFFICE FOR THE CHURCH'S MISSIONARY WORK

STANDING

Blessed be the Lord God for his tender mercy whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us;
*To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.*

Jesus said, They shall come from the east and west, and from the north and south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God.
*Thanks be to thee, O Christ, for thy holy Gospel.*

Other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also must I bring, and they shall hear my voice; and they shall become one flock, one shepherd.
*Thanks be to thee, O Christ, for thy holy Promise.*

Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you.
*Thanks be to thee, O Christ, for thy holy Word.*

Ye shall receive power, when the Holy Spirit is come upon you; and ye shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judæa, and Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth.
*Thanks be to thee, O Christ, for thy holy Gospel.*

Let us pray.

KNEELING

Thanks be to thee, most glorious God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for the revelation of thyself in this our world, and for thy commission to thy Church to proclaim the Gospel of Christ to every creature.
*Thanks be to thee, O God.*

For the early disciples who were sent forth by

Christ to proclaim the coming of the kingdom;
*We praise thee, O God.*

For the apostles of the nations, who in obedience to his word carried the Gospel through the world;
*We praise thee, O God.*

For the missionaries, known and unknown, who first brought the Gospel to these shores;
*We praise thee, O God.*

For all the faithful who, in ages of darkness, kept their lamps burning and watched for the coming of the Lord;
*We praise thee, O God.*

For all who at any time have recalled the Church to her great task of evangelizing the world;
*We praise thee, O God.*

For those who have gone to the ends of the earth with the joyful news, and have sought out the dark places to bring light to them that dwell in the shadow of death;
*We praise thee, O God.*

For thy messengers who have joined the noble army of martyrs, and for all converts to the faith who have sealed their testimony with their blood;
*We praise thee, O God.*

For the innumerable company who now praise thy Name, out of every kindred and nation and tongue;
*We praise thee, O God. Alleluia. Amen.*

We humbly acknowledge, O Lord, our unworthiness of thy mercies, and confess how little we have done to hand on in freedom and fulness the faith which was brought to us through so many perils, and purchased with such pain.

Our long neglect of this, our bounden duty,
*O Lord, forgive.*

Our past unfaithfulness,
*O Lord, forgive.*

Our neglected opportunities,
*O Lord, forgive.*

Our deafness to thy calls,
*O Lord, forgive.*

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Our small sacrifice for so great a cause,
*O Lord, forgive.*

Our forgetfulness of those who have gone forth relying on our prayers,
*O Lord, forgive.*

We beseech thee to hear us, O Lord, that thou wouldst stir up the hearts of thy faithful people to greater obedience, and unite thy Church to face the world's great need.

That thou wouldst send forth labourers into thy harvest;
*Hear us, we beseech thee.*

That those who have gone forth may be supported by thy presence, guided by thy counsel, and filled with thy power;
*Hear us, we beseech thee.*

Let us pray in silence for . . .

Finally, O Lord, we pray thee to give to all professing Christians living in foreign lands a sense of their responsibility, that they may adorn the doctrine of our Saviour by their good

example, and so commend the faith to others; and we beseech thee to hasten the time when the Gospel shall be preached to all nations, and the whole world filled with the knowledge of thy love.
*Amen.*

O God of all the nations of the earth, help us to remember the multitudes who have been created in thine image, yet know not the fulness of thy truth; and, according to the love of thy Son Jesus Christ, grant that by the prayers and labours of thy Church they may be delivered from superstition and unbelief, and brought to worship thee; through him whom thou hast sent to be our salvation, the resurrection and the life of all the faithful, thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
*Amen.*

God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, shine in your hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God, in the face of Jesus Christ.
*Amen.*

## A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

STANDING

The Lord hath been mindful of us, and he shall bless us.
*He shall bless them that fear the Lord, both small and great.*

O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his goodness,
*And declare the wonders that he doeth for the children of men.*

Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty;
*For all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all.*

The Lord be with you.
*And with thy spirit.*
Let us pray.

KNEELING

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift; We call to remembrance thy loving-kindness and thy tender mercies which have been ever of old, and with grateful hearts we lift up to thee the voice of our thanksgiving.

For the life thou hast given us, and the world in which we live;
*We praise thee, O God.*

For the work we are enabled to do, and the truth we are permitted to learn; for whatever of good there has been in our past lives, and for all the hopes and aspirations which lead us on toward better things;
*We praise thee, O God.*

For the order and constancy of nature; for the beauty and bounty of the world; for day and night, summer and winter, seed-time and harvest, and for the varied gifts of loveliness and use which every season brings;
*We praise thee, O God.*

For the comforts and gladness of life; for our homes and home blessings; for the love, sympathy, and good-will of men;
*We praise thee, O God.*

For Prophets and Apostles, and all earnest seekers after truth; for all lovers and helpers of mankind, and all godly and gifted men and women;
*We praise thee, O God.*

For the gift of thy Son, Jesus Christ, and all the hopes which are ours as his disciples; for the presence and inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, and for all the ministries of thy truth and grace;
*We praise thee, O God.*

For communion with thee, the Father of our spirits; for the light and peace that are gained through trust and obedience, and the darkness and disquietude which befall us when we disobey thy laws;
*We praise thee, O God.*

For the desire and power to help others; for every opportunity of serving our generation

according to thy will, and manifesting the grace of Christ to men;
*We praise thee, O God.*

For all the discipline of life; for the tasks and trials by which we are trained to patience and self-control; for troubles which lift us nearer thee and draw us into deeper fellowship with thy Christ;
*We praise thee, O God.*

For the sacred ties which bind us to the unseen world; for the faith which dispels the shadows of earth, and fills the saddest moments of life with the light of an immortal love;
*We praise thee, O God.*

O God of all grace and love, whom we have praised with our lips; Grant that we may so praise thee in consecrated and faithful lives, that the words of our mouth and the meditation of our hearts may be acceptable in thy sight; through him who taught us to say,

(Leader and People)

*Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed*

*be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.*

Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that we who have freely received of thy bounty, may of thy bounty freely give; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
*Amen.*

May the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, rest upon you and upon all your work and worship done in his Name. May he give you light to guide you, courage to support you, and love to unite you, now and for evermore.
*Amen.*

## A GENERAL THANKSGIVING

KNEELING

O Father of all, who art Wisdom and Beauty and Goodness, whose spirit ever strives in the souls of men; We thank thee that thou hast made us heirs of all the ages of thy creative power, and called us to share thy burden of redemption.
*Thanks be to thee, O Lord.*

For the vision of thyself in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; for thy divine compassion which careth for us despite our weaknesses, cowardice, and self-love; and for thy leadership unto this hour;
*Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

For the radiance, mystery, and surprise of this dear world; for thy wisdom and beauty revealed in it; and for the love of friends which sweetens it;
*Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

For the leaven of thy ideals of liberty and justice and brotherhood, which have worked so mightily, and still work so hopefully, among the peoples of the earth;
*Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

Because through suffering and weakness thou hast taught us patience, and given us the sense of dependence upon thee; because in health and strength thou hast given us to share thy joy in being active; and because in sorrow thou hast revealed to us the glory of others' kindness;
*Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

For the discipline of life; for the endurance which is learnt through drudgery; for the work which is its own reward; and for the difficulties which are the materials of victory, thy victory in us;
*Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

Because through the turmoil of life we find thy peace; because for the challenge of life we need thy strength; and because in the adventure of death we have thy blessed hope;
*Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

For the laughter of children; for pure mirth and kindly wit; for the jest of gallant souls, and the cheerfulness of sufferers, which puts to shame our self-concern;
*Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

For thy Church on earth, for the comfort and encouragement of the blessed company of all faithful people; and above all for the sense of thy companionship in sacrament and prayer;
*Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

The Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named; Grant you to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; that, Christ dwelling in your hearts by faith, you may be filled with all the fulness of God.
*Amen.*

## A THANKSGIVING FOR GOD'S KINGDOM

KNEELING

There were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdom of the Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign for ever and ever.

O God, who hast made all things by thy power, thou King and Ruler of the world, glorious in beauty and truth and love,
*Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, for ever and ever.*

O God, who hast shown us the glory of thy kingdom in the royal love of Jesus Christ,
*Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, for ever and ever.*

O God, who art ever working in the world, by thy mighty and creative Spirit, to manifest thy kingdom among men,
*Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, for ever and ever.*

O God, more wonderful in thy perfection than all that we can ever desire or know,
*Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, for ever and ever.*

Let us give thanks unto God for the depth and wonder and glory of the divine life, and for the unfolding of his kingdom through the history of the world.

For the perfection which thou art; for the glory and wonder which are thine; for the manifestations of thy kingdom in all thy revelations of thyself;
*We praise and bless thy glorious Name.*

For the vitality and joy of the spirit of life in thy creation; for all young and swift and happy things;
*We praise and bless thy glorious Name.*

For the creation, after long years, of man, whom thou hast made in thine own image that thou mightest reign within his heart;
*We praise and bless thy glorious Name.*

For the defeat of darkness by the light; for truth destroying superstition, and for growing

knowledge of thy ways redeeming men from tyranny and fear;
*We praise and bless thy glorious Name.*

For the onward march of thy kingdom of right and justice; for the increase of chivalry and freedom; for the growing reign of law and ordered life, putting cruelty and wrong to flight;
*We praise and bless thy glorious Name.*

For the perfect manifestation of thy kingdom in the Incarnation of thy Son; and for its coming into the world in power through his Life and Death and Resurrection;
*We praise and bless thy glorious Name.*

For the knowledge, given us by him, that thy kingdom is at hand; and for the fellowship of the Catholic Church, through which thou wilt establish it on earth;
*We praise and bless thy glorious Name.*

For the image of thy kingdom in literature and art; in truth; in courage and sincerity and loyalty; in fellowship and kindness;
*We praise and bless thy glorious Name.*

That thou hast called us, with all our dullness and limitations, to be joyful inheritors of the wonder and glory of thy kingdom;
*We praise and bless thy glorious Name.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth; and I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as a bride adorned for her husband; and I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying, Behold the tabernacle of God is with men, and he shall dwell with them and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them and be their God; and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes. And he that sitteth upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new.
*Even so come, Lord Jesus, to reign in the hearts of men.*

Let us pray.

O thou who art the God of the generations of men; We thank thee for all who have walked

humbly with thee, and especially for those near to us and dear, in whose lives we have seen the vision of thy beauty. May we know that in the body, or out of the body, they are with thee. Unite us still, God of our souls, in one household of faith and love, one family in heaven and upon earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
*Amen.*

Grant unto us, Almighty God, thy peace that passeth understanding; that knowing that all things are in thee, under thy care, governed by thy will, and guarded by thy love, we may amid the sorrows of life rest in thee, and with a quiet heart face the clouds and the darkness, ever rejoicing to know that darkness and light to thee are both alike; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
*Amen.*

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same, of thy goodness give us, with thy love inspire us, by thy Spirit guide us, by thy power protect us, and in thy mercy receive us, now and always.
*Amen.*

## AN ACT OF PRAISE

Let us praise God for the Day.
For the glory and warmth of the sun, for the stir of life, and for honest toil that wins food and rest;
*God be praised for the Day.*

For the Earth, the sustainer of life; for the hills, the plains, and the dales; and for the beauty of meadows and fields, of flowers and trees;
*God be praised for the Earth.*

For the Sky, for the shifting clouds, and for the glory of sunrise and sunset;
*God be praised for the Sky.*

For the Sea, that yields and receives again the water without which life would perish, and is wonderful in its stillness and wonderful in its storm;
*God be praised for the Sea.*

For our Food, and the pleasures given us in it; that we may shun all waste, and rejoice in sharing with others;
*God be praised for our Food.*

For the shelter from wind and weather, which hallowed by love becomes our Home; that he may strengthen our will that no one shall go ill-housed or ill-clad;
*God be praised for our Home.*

For Fathers and Mothers, by whom he orders lives and comforts hearts, bringing strength to a house and sweetness to labour; that he may hallow their work and direct their ways;
*God be praised for Fathers and Mothers.*

For the gift of Children; that he may help us to train them to be reverent and truthful, courteous and brave;
*God be praised for Children.*

For good Friends who rojoice with us in our joys, cheer us in trouble, and lighten our tasks; that he may help us to repay them in fellowship and service;
*God be praised for our Friends.*

For Joy that heightens all our life and doubles our powers; that he may help us to kindle it in the hearts of others by the gladness of our souls;
*God be praised for Joy.*

For Mirth that unites us with others and refreshes us in our work;
*God be praised for Mirth.*

For Health, bringing wholesomeness of mind and spirit; that he may help us to give our strength to his service;
*God be praised for Health.*

O all ye Works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord;
*Praise him, and magnify him for ever.*

## AN EXPRESSION OF JOY AND HUMILITY

Let us praise God in gladness and humility for all great and simple joys; and for the weak things of the earth which have confounded the strong.

For the gift of wonder and the joy of discovery; for the everlasting freshness of experience; for the newness of life each day as we grow older;
*Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

For the fireside; for the intimacies of friendship; for the traditions and customs of the home; for meals eaten together in fellowship; and for all the sanctities of family life;
*Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

For games and holidays in the open air; for books and pictures and all our small possessions;
*Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

For birds; for children, and the joys of innocency; for the satisfaction of work attempted and achieved; for the joy of harvest, and the wedding-feast;
*Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

For forest trees in spring, and fruit blossoms; for the smell of the earth after rain; for the green grass and the flowers; for cloud and sun, hills and mountain-streams;
*Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

For the happiness which is born of sympathy and sorrow; for the rapture of the lost soul finding love again; and for the joy of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth;
*Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

For all pure comedy and laughter; and for the gift of humour and gaiety of heart;
*Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

For all the Lord's merry-men, who have consecrated mirth with the love of Christ;
*Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

For all singers and musicians, and all who work in form or colour to increase the joy of life;
*Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

For poets and craftsmen; for all who rejoice in their work and make things well;
*Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

For all who have loved the common people, and borne their sorrows in their hearts;
*Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

For all obscure and humble saints, for village priests, and ministering women, who have made life sweeter and gentler;
*Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

For ignorant disciples who have not understood all the Christian doctrines, and yet have lived in the companionship of Christ;
*Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

For the image of Christ in ordinary people, their forbearance and generosity; their good temper in crowds, their courage and their kindness;
*Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

For the glory of God shining in commonplace lives; for husband and wife scheming to please one another, and the sacrifices of both for their children;
*Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

For all holy and humble men of heart, in whom the loveliness of our Saviour Christ has been made manifest to the world;
*Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

Jesus, unveiling the glory of the Eternal in the workshop of the carpenter;
*Renew thy Spirit in us.*

Jesus, who didst love the common folk;
Jesus, ever feeding the multitude with the bread of life that came down from heaven; rejoicing with them that did rejoice, and weeping with them that wept;
*Renew thy Spirit in us.*

Jesus, who for our sakes didst become poor;
Jesus, rejoicing in the Father's will; rejoicing in the lilies and the birds and the companionship of men;
*Renew thy Spirit in us.*

Jesus, loving the simple and the childlike, and using the weak things to confound the strong; persecuted by the priests, mocked by the scholars, slain by the politicians;
Jesus, who lovedst thine own unto the end;
*Renew thy Spirit in us.*

Jesus, agonizing for the lost;
Jesus, calling men to forsake all, that, having thee, they might possess all things; by thy terrible love on Calvary, by thy victorious love at Easter;
*Renew thy Spirit in us.*

Jesus, who didst inspire love's heroism in all great saints and lovers; who hast promised us a peace and joy that no one can take from us;
Jesus, who ever revealest thy great power in those whom the world doth hold of no account;
*Renew thy Spirit in us.*

The Almighty Lord, who is a most strong tower to all those who put their trust in him, to whom all things in heaven and earth and under the earth do bow and obey. Be now and evermore your defence; and make you know and feel that there is none other Name through whom you may receive health and salvation, but only the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
*Amen.*

## A THANKSGIVING OF ST. FRANCIS FOR ALL CREATED THINGS

STANDING

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;
*Who hath made heaven and earth.*

Blessed be the Name of the Lord;
*Henceforth, world without end.*

Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost;
*Let us praise and exalt him for ever.*

Blessed art thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven;
*Above all to be praised and glorified for ever.*

The Lord be with you.
*And with thy spirit.*
Let us pray.

KNEELING

O most high, omnipotent, good Lord God, to thee belong praise, glory, honour, and all blessing.

For our brother the sun, who is our day and who brings us the light; who is fair, and radiant with a very great splendour;
*Praised be our Lord.*

For our sister the moon, and for the stars, the which thou hast set clear and lovely in heaven;
*Praised be our Lord.*

For our brother the wind, and for air and cloud, calms and all weather;
*Praised be our Lord.*

For our sister water, who is very serviceable unto us and humble and precious and chaste;
*Praised be our Lord.*

For our brother fire, by whom thou lightest up the night, and who is fair and merry, and very mighty and strong;
*Praised be our Lord.*

For our mother the earth, which doth sustain us and keep us, and bringeth forth divers fruits, and flowers of many colours, and grass;
*Praised be our Lord.*

For all those who pardon one another for thy love's sake, and who bear weakness and tribulation;
*Praised be our Lord.*

Blessed are they who peaceably shall endure, walking by thy most holy will; for thou, O most Highest, shall give them a crown.
*Praise ye and bless ye the Lord, and give thanks unto him, and serve him with great humility. Amen.*

(Leader and People)

*Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.*

O heavenly Father, who hast filled the world with beauty; Open, we beseech thee, our eyes to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works;

that rejoicing in thy whole creation we may learn to serve thee with gladness; for the sake of him by whom all things were made, thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
*Amen.*

The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, that we may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.
*Amen.*

## AN OFFICE OF THE TEN WORDS

STANDING

God, who spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,
*Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son.*

Thy throne, O Lord, is for ever and ever;
*A sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.*

Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity;
*Therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.*

The Lord be with you.
*And with thy spirit.*
Let us pray.

KNEELING

O Almighty Lord, and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to direct, sanctify, and

govern, both our hearts and bodies, in the ways of thy laws, and in the works of thy commandments; that, through thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
*Amen.*

I am the Lord thy God; Thou shalt have none other gods but me.
*We cannot serve God and mammon. Let us worship the Lord our God, And him only let us serve.*

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.
*God is a Spirit; And we who worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.*

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.
*Let us swear not at all; Neither by heaven, for it is God's throne; Nor by the earth, for it is his footstool.*

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath-day.
*The Sabbath was made for man. Let us follow him who said, Come ye yourselves apart, and rest awhile.*

Honour thy father and thy mother.
*Let us be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; In honour preferring one another.*

Thou shalt do no murder.
*Let us not be angry with our brothers. Let us love our enemies, and do good to them that hate us; That we may be the children of our Father which is in heaven.*

Thou shalt not commit adultery.
*Let us be pure in heart, that we may see God.*

Thou shalt not steal.
*If we have stolen, let us steal no more, but rather labour, Working with our hands the thing which is good, That we may have to give to him that needeth.*

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

*Putting away lying, let us speak every man truth with his neighbour; For we are members one of another.*

Thou shalt not covet.
*Let us lay up for ourselves treasures in heaven; For where our treasure is, there will our heart be also.*

Hear further what the Lord Christ saith.
Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

Again he saith,
A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

Thy words are true from everlasting;
*And in keeping of them there is great reward.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.
*Christ, have mercy upon us.*
Lord, have mercy upon us.

(Leader and People)

*Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be*

*done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.*

Almighty God, whose blessed Son is the Truth which makes men free; Grant us so faithfully to continue in thy Word, that we may rejoice in the glorious liberty of thy children; through the same, Jesus Christ our Lord.
*Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore.
*Amen.*

# AN OFFICE OF BEATITUDES

STANDING

(Leader and People)

*We believe that*
*God is spirit, And they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.*
*God is light, And if we walk in the light, As he is in the light, We have fellowship one with another.*
*God is love, And everyone that loveth is born of God and knoweth God.*
*Jesus Christ is the Son of God, And God hath given to us eternal life, And this life is in his Son.*
*We are children of God, And he hath given us of his spirit.*
*If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins.*
*The world passeth away, and the lust thereof, But he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.*

The Lord be with you.
*And with thy spirit.*
Let us pray.

KNEELING

Lord, have mercy upon us.
*Christ, have mercy upon us.*
Lord, have mercy upon us.

(Leader and People)

*Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.*

The Lord dwelleth in the high and holy place.
*With him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit.*
Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, unto us who know that we are weak, and who trust in thee because we know that thou art strong, the gladsome help of thy loving-kindness, both here in time, and hereafter in eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
*Amen. Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

HERE, AND AFTER EACH OF THE BEATITUDES, SHALL SILENCE BE KEPT FOR A SPACE.

The Lord shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.
*For the former things are passed away.*
Comfort, we beseech thee, most gracious God, all that are cast down and faint of heart amidst the sorrows and difficulties of the world; and grant that by the energy of thy Holy Spirit they may be enabled to go on their way rejoicing, and may at length appear before thee in the city where the vision of thy peace is manifested; through thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.
*Amen. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.*

The Lord taketh pleasure in his people.
*He will beautify the meek with salvation.*
O merciful Father, who to the meek of heart hast promised both the blessings of the life that now is and the sure hope of an inheritance in heaven; Impart to us, we beseech thee, of that spirit of meekness which was in thy beloved Son, that taking his yoke upon us, and learning of him, we may find rest unto our souls;

through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.
*Amen. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.*

The Lord shall feed thee with the finest wheat flour.
*And with honey out of the stony rock shall he satisfy thee.*
Almighty God, who hast given to thy people the true Bread who cometh down from heaven, even thy Son Jesus Christ; Grant that our souls may be so fed by him who giveth health unto the world, that we may abide in him and he in us, and thy Church be filled with the power of his deathless life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.
*Amen. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.*

The Lord is loving unto every man.
*And his mercy is over all his works.*
Enlarge our souls, O Lord, with the divine charity, that, hoping all things and enduring all things, we may become messengers of thy heal-

ing mercy to the grievances and infirmities of men; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
*Amen. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.*

He that loveth pureness of heart,
*The King will be his friend.*
O Eternal God, who hast taught us by thy holy Word that our bodies are temples of thy Spirit; Keep us, we most humbly beseech thee, temperate and holy in thought, word, and deed, that, with all the pure in heart, we may see thee and be made like unto thee in thy heavenly kingdom; through Christ our Lord.
*Amen. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.*

Behold how good and joyful a thing it is, brethren,
*To dwell together in unity.*
O God, who art peace everlasting, whose chosen reward is the gift of peace, and who hast taught us by thy Son that the peacemakers are thy children; Pour thy peace into our souls, that everything discordant may utterly vanish, and all that maketh for peace be loved and

sought by us; through the same, thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
*Amen. Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.*

The man of faith shall endure unto the end,
*As beholding him who is invisible.*
O God, who hast taught us to trust in thee as our Father; Open our hearts to share the faith which thou hast revealed to us in thy Son, until the littleness of our knowledge becomes lost in the greatness of thy love; through the same, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
*Amen. Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.*

The eternal and ever-blessed Father, source of all light and life, so fill you with his grace and heavenly benediction, that Christ who is the brightness of his glory may dwell in you, and you in him, both now and evermore.
*Amen.*

## THE EMMAUS LITANY: AN OFFICE FOR EASTERTIDE

By the love with which thou didst draw near to thy disciples as they went to Emmaus and talked together of thy Passion; draw near and join thyself to us who reason of holy things, and give us, as we can bear it, the knowledge of mysteries.
*Hear us, blessed Jesus.*

By the mercy with which at first their eyes were holden that they should not know thee; be merciful to those who are slow of heart to believe.
*Hear us, blessed Jesus.*

By the compassion with which, amid the joy of thy Resurrection, thou didst seek them out who were sad; console the faint-hearted who have not yet learned to rejoice in thee.
*Hear us, blessed Jesus.*

By the humility with which thou didst will to appear ignorant of thine own great mysteries,

suffering thy disciples to tell thee concerning Jesus of Nazareth; win wholly to thyself the hearts and minds of those who are weak in faith.
*Hear us, blessed Jesus.*

By the patience with which, beginning at Moses, thou didst expound unto them in all the Scriptures the things concerning thyself; open thou the understanding of those who do not yet love thy written Word.
*Hear us, blessed Jesus.*

By the fire with which thou didst make their hearts to burn within them, as thou didst talk with them by the way, opening to them the Scriptures; inflame with devotion every heart that is not already burning with the love of thee, and consume with zeal those that thou hast kindled.
*Hear us, blessed Jesus.*

By the wisdom with which thou didst make as though thou wouldst have gone farther, thus inviting them to constrain thee to tarry with them; may no soul whom thou desirest to bless suffer thee to depart, until it has received from

thee the blessing which thou art waiting to give.
*Hear us, blessed Jesus.*

By the charity with which thou didst go in and tarry with thy disciples when the day was far spent; fulfil in every soul that loveth thee that word of thine which saith, I will come in to him and will sup with him, and he with me.
*Hear us, blessed Jesus.*

By the blessing wherewith thou didst manifest thyself to thy disciples in the breaking of bread; let every act of thine, whether of nature or of grace, be to us a sacrament, opening the eyes of our faith, that we may know thee.
*Hear us, blessed Jesus.*

By the power whereby thou didst vanish out of their sight, that their faith in the mystery of thy Resurrection might be increased; strengthen and confirm this faith in us.
*Hear us, blessed Jesus.*

O blessed Jesus, who, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, didst come and stand in the midst and say, Peace be unto you; May no fear of man ever place a barrier between our souls and thee,

or hinder us from that peace which the world cannot give.
*Amen.*

May the gentleness with which thou didst upbraid them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen thee after thou wast risen, rebuke us also when we are tempted to doubt those who have a more spiritual knowledge of thee than we have attained.
*Amen.*

May the love whereby thou didst gladden thy disciples, showing them thy hands and thy feet, rejoice our hearts also; that beholding in thy glorified Body the marks of thy saving Passion, we may know that thou art the same yesterday, today, and forever.
*Amen.*

May the peace which thou gavest to thine Apostles, sending them forth in thy Father's Name as thou thyself wast sent, be also upon us, and remain with us always.
*Amen.*

## IN TIME OF TROUBLE

STANDING

Our help is in the Name of the Lord,
*Who hath made heaven and earth.*
Blessed be the Name of the Lord,
*Henceforth and for evermore.*
Lord, hear our prayer,
*And let our cry come unto thee.*

The Lord be with you.
*And with thy spirit.*
Let us pray.

KNEELING

The Lord bless us and keep us,
*The Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us.*

The Lord lift up his countenance upon us, and give us peace,
*Both now and evermore.*

O God, the Protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is

holy; Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy; that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Lord.
*Amen.*

O God, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth; We humbly beseech thee to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things which are profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
*Amen.*

Most holy and most merciful God, the Strength of the weak, the Rest of the weary, the Comfort of the sorrowful, the Saviour of the sinful, and the Refuge of thy children in every time of need; Hear us while we pray for thy help in all the circumstances and experiences of our life.

When our hearts are growing cold and dead, and we are losing our vision of thy face, and living as if life had no spiritual reality;
*Help us, O God.*

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When the evil memories of the past trouble us, and we mourn over early dreams and hopes unrealized, over light within us turned to darkness, and strength to weakness;
*Help us, O God.*

When we are tempted to mean and wicked ways, and sin puts on the allurements which make it less sinful in our sight;
*Help us, O God.*

When we are called to difficult duty, to work in loneliness among men, and to bear burdens that are hard to be borne;
*Help us, O God.*

When we are weary of our work and think it fruitless, and duty is painful because it seems unprofitable;
*Help us, O God.*

When the unknown future troubles us, and amid our fears and anxieties we forget the eternal love and care;
*Help us, O God.*

When the last darkness closes about our life, and heart and flesh faint and fail, and vain is the help of man;
*Help us, O God.*

O God, almighty and merciful, who healest those that are broken in heart, and turnest the sadness of the sorrowful to joy; Let thy fatherly goodness be upon all that thou hast made. Especially we beseech thee to remember in pity such as are this day destitute, homeless, or forgotten of their fellowmen. Bless the congregation of thy poor. Uplift those who are cast down, mightily befriend innocent sufferers, and sanctify to them the endurance of their wrongs. Cheer with hope all discouraged and unhappy people. Though they be troubled on every side, suffer them not to be distressed; though they be perplexed, save them from despair. Grant this, O Lord, for the love of him who for our sakes became poor, thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.
*Amen.*

Watch thou, dear Lord, with those who wake, or watch, or weep, and give thine angels charge

over those who sleep. Tend thy sick ones, O Lord Christ. Rest thy weary ones. Bless thy dying ones. Soothe thy suffering ones. Pity thine afflicted ones. Shield thy joyous ones. And all, for thy love's sake.

*Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore.

*Amen.*

# A LITANY OF SELF-EXAMINATION FOR A QUIET HOUR

The Lord be with you.
*And with thy spirit.*
Let us pray.

KNEELING

O Lord, open thou our minds to see ourselves as thou seest us, or even as others see us and we see others; and from all unwillingness to know our infirmities,
*Save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.*

From weakness of judgment; from the indecision that can make no choice, and the irresolution that carries no choice into act, strengthen our eye to see and our will to choose the right; and from perplexing others with uncertainties,
*Save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.*

From infirmity of purpose; from want of earnest care and interest; from the sluggishness of indolence, the slackness of indifference, and all spiritual deadness of heart,
*Save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.*

From dullness of conscience, from feeble sense of duty, from thoughtless disregard of consequences to others; and from all half-heartedness in thy service,
*Save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.*

From weariness in continuing struggles; from despondency in failure and disappointment; from morbid fancies of imaginary back-slidings, raise us to a lively hope and trust in thy presence and mercy, in the power of faith and prayer; and from all exaggerated fears and vexations,
*Save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.*

From pride and self-will; from desire to have our own way in all things; from overweening love of our own ideas and blindness to the value of others, enlarge the generosity of our hearts

and enlighten the fairness of our judgments; and from all selfish arbitrariness of temper,
*Save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.*

From all hasty utterances of impatience, from all infirmity of temper in provoking or being provoked; from love of unkind gossip, and from idle words that may hurt,
*Save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.*

In all times of temptation; when we are prone to follow pleasure, to leave duty for amusement, to indulge in distraction and dissipation, and to degrade our high calling; and in all times of frailty in our flesh,
*Save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.*

In times of doubt and questioning; when our belief is perplexed by new teaching and new thought, when our faith is strained by creeds, or by mysteries beyond our understanding, give us the faithfulness of learners and the courage of believers in thee; give us boldness to examine, and faith to trust, all truth; and alike from stubborn rejection of new revelations, and the

hasty assurance that we are wiser than our fathers,
*Save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.*

Give us knowledge of ourselves, our powers and weaknesses, our spirit, our imagination, our truth; teach us by the standard of thy Word, by the judgments of others, by examinations of ourselves; give us earnest desire to strengthen ourselves continually by study, by diligence, by prayer and meditation; and from all fancies, delusions, and prejudices of habit or temper or society,
*Save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.*

Chiefly, O Lord, we pray thee, give us knowledge of thee; grant us to see thee in all thy works, always to feel thy presence near, to hear and know thy call. May thy Spirit be our spirit, our words thy Words, thy Will our will; and in all our shortcomings and infirmities,
*Save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.*

Finally, O Lord, we humbly beseech thee to blot out our past transgressions, heal the evils

of our past negligences and ignorances, and make us amend our past mistakes and misunderstandings. Uplift our hearts to new love, new energy and devotion, that we may be freed from grief and shame of past faithlessness, to go forth in thy strength to persevere through success and failure, through good report and evil report, even to the end; and in all time of our tribulation, in all time of our prosperity,

*Save us and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.*

O Christ, hear us.
*Lord, have mercy upon us.*
Christ, have mercy upon us.
*Lord, have mercy upon us.*

(Leader and People)

*Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,*

*and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.*
*Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore.
*Amen.*

## SERVICE OF PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

STANDING

God is Spirit, and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.
*Glory be to God on high.*

God is Light. If we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another; and truly our fellowship in the Spirit is with the Father and his Son Jesus Christ.
*Glory be to God on high.*

God is Power. They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings as eagles. They shall run and not be weary. They shall walk and not faint.
*Glory be to God on high.*

God is Love. Everyone that loveth is born of God and knoweth God; and we know that we

have passed from death unto life because we love.

*Glory be to God on high.*

The Lord be with you.
*And with thy spirit.*
Let us pray.

KNEELING

Jesus said, Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.

It is the Will of God:

To gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth.

That we should show forth his praises who called us out of the darkness into his marvellous light.

That we should believe in him and love him with all our heart, with all our mind, with all our soul, and with all our strength.

That we should worship him and put our whole trust in him all the days of our life.

*Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to do thy Will.*

Jesus said, Ye are the light of the world.

It is the Will of God:
That our light should so shine before men that they may see our good works and glorify our Father in heaven.
That speaking the truth in love, we should grow up together in all things unto him, which is the Head of the Body, even Christ. That we should train our minds, and be true in our thinking and just in all our judging.
That we should be honest, truthful, and upright in thought, word, and deed.
That we should be diligent and faithful in our several callings, doing our daily work in all simplicity and integrity, and labouring only for the things which are just and good.
*Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to do thy Will.*

Jesus said, Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father who is in heaven. Whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother and my sister.

It is the Will of God:
That we should rule our spirits, bear with each

other's infirmities, and, as much as lieth in us, live peaceably with all men.

That we should live chiefly to minister to others' needs, and not to seek only our own pleasure and gain.

That we should do what we can to take away the sin and sorrow of the world, and to overcome evil with good.

That we should not be anxious for the morrow, nor for our life, what we shall eat or what we shall drink, nor for the body what we shall put on.

*Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to do thy Will.*

Grant to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as are right; that we, who cannot do anything that is good without thee, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*

Let us remember Jesus:

Who, though he was rich, yet for our sakes became poor and dwelt among us.

Who was content to be subject to his parents, the child of a poor man's home.

Who lived for thirty years the common life, earning his living with his own hands and declining no humble tasks.
Whom the common people heard gladly, for he understood their ways.
*May this mind be in us that was in Christ Jesus.*

Let us remember Jesus:
Who was mighty in deed, healing the sick and the disordered, using for others the powers he would not invoke for himself.
Who refused to force men's allegiance.
Who was Master and Lord to his disciples, yet was among them as their companion and as one who served.
Whose meat was to do the will of the Father who sent him.
*May this mind be in us that was in Christ Jesus.*

Let us remember Jesus:
Who loved men, yet retired from them to pray, rose a great while before day, watched through a night, stayed in the wilderness, went up into a mountain, sought a garden.
Who, when he would help a tempted disciple, prayed for him.

Who prayed for the forgiveness of those who rejected him, and for the perfecting of those who received him.

Who observed good customs, but defied conventions which did not serve the purpose of God.

Who hated sin because he knew the cost of pride and selfishness, of cruelty and impurity, to man, and still more to his Father in heaven.

*May this mind be in us that was in Christ Jesus.*

Let us remember Jesus:

Who believed in men to the last and never despaired of them.

Who through all disappointment never lost heart.

Who disregarded his own comfort and convenience and thought first of others' needs, and though he suffered long was always kind.

Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again, and when he suffered, threatened not.

Who humbled himself and carried obedience to the point of death, even death on the Cross, and endured faithful to the end.

*May this mind be in us that was in Christ Jesus.*

O Christ, our only Saviour, so come to dwell in us that we may go forth with the light of thy

hope in our eyes, and thy faith and love in our hearts.
*Amen.*

Incline thy merciful ear, O Lord, to our prayers, and enlighten our hearts by the grace of thy Holy Spirit; that we may worthily approach these sacred mysteries and love thee with an everlasting love; through the same, Jesus Christ our Lord.
*Amen.*

Grant, we beseech thee, O Christ, that as we all share in one life, being members of thy Body, so we may all use thy gifts for the perfecting of the saints, unto the work of ministering, unto the building up of thy Body; till we attain unto the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of thee, unto a full-grown man, unto the measure of the stature of thy fulness; to whom be all praise and glory now and for evermore.
*Amen.*

Grant us, O Lord, the help of thy grace, that at this holy Sacrament we may bring all our thoughts and desires into subjection to thy blessed Will, and may offer our souls and bodies a living sacrifice unto thee, in union with the

perfect sacrifice of thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.
*Amen.*

O Christ, who in this wonderful Sacrament hast left us a memorial of thy Cross and Passion; Grant us so to venerate the sacred mysteries of thy Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruits of thy redemption; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.
*Amen.*

Grant, O Lord, that the ears which hear the voice of thy songs may be closed to the voice of clamour and dispute; that the eyes which see thy great love may also behold thy blessed hope; that the tongues which sing thy praise may speak the truth; that the feet which walk thy courts may walk in the region of light; and that the bodies which partake of thy living Body may be restored in newness of life. Glory be to thee for thine unspeakable gift.
*Amen.*

Almighty God, who hast given us to receive the Body and Blood of thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, that by means thereof we may be

united more closely unto thee; Grant that we may strive to promote unity and fellowship among all men; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.
*Amen.*

Remember, O Lord, what thou hast wrought in us, and not what we deserve; and as thou hast called us to thy service, make us worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
*Amen.*

## OFFICE OF COMPLINE

Turn us again, O Lord, and quicken us;
*That thy people may rejoice in thee.*
O God, make speed to save us.
*O Lord, make haste to help us.*

SILENCE

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

ANTIPHON

(Leader and People)

*Have mercy upon us, O God.*

PSALM 4

Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness; thou hast set me at liberty when I was in trouble.

Have mercy upon me, and hearken unto my prayer.

O ye sons of men, how long will ye blaspheme mine honour, and have such pleasure in vanity, and seek after falsehood?

Know this also, that the Lord hath chosen to himself the man that is godly. When I call upon the Lord he will hear me.

Stand in awe, and sin not;

Commune with your own heart, and in your chamber, and be still.

Offer the sacrifice of righteousness,

And put your trust in the Lord.

There be many that say: Who will show us any good? Lord, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us.

Thou hast put gladness in my heart, yea, more than when their corn and wine and oil increased.

I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest;

For it is thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

PSALM 31

In thee, O Lord, have I put my trust: let me

never be put to confusion; deliver me in thy righteousness.

Bow down thine ear to me, make haste to deliver me.

And be thou my strong rock, and house of defence, that thou mayest save me.

For thou art my strong rock, and my castle.

Be thou also my guide, and lead me for thy Name's sake.

Draw me out of the net that they have laid privily for me, for thou art my strength.

Into thy hands I commend my spirit,

For thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of truth.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

PSALM 91

Whoso dwelleth under the defence of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say unto the Lord: Thou art my hope, and my stronghold, my God, in him will I trust.

For he shall deliver thee from the snare of

the hunter and from the noisome pestilence.

He shall defend thee under his wings, and thou shalt be safe under his feathers; his faithfulness and truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Thou shalt not be afraid for any terror by night, nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

For the pestilence that walketh in darkness, nor for the sickness that destroyeth in the noon-day.

A thousand shall fall beside thee, and ten thousand at thy right hand, but it shall not come nigh thee.

Yea, with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the ungodly.

For thou, Lord, art my hope, thou hast set thine house of defence very high.

There shall no evil happen unto thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

They shall bear thee in their hands, that thou hurt not thy foot against a stone.

Thou shalt go upon the lion and adder,

The young lion and the dragon shalt thou tread under thy feet.

Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore

will I deliver him; I will set him up, because he hath known my Name.

He shall call upon me, and I will hear him; yea, I am with him in trouble, I will deliver him and bring him to honour.

With long life will I satisfy him,

And show him my salvation.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### PSALM 134

Behold now, praise the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord;

Ye that by night stand in the house of the Lord, even in the courts of the house of our God.

Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and praise the Lord.

The Lord that made heaven and earth give thee blessing out of Sion.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### ANTIPHON

(Leader and People)

*Have mercy upon us, O God, and hearken unto our prayer.*

### THE CHAPTER. JER. 14: 9

Thou, O Lord, art in the midst of us, and we are called by thy name; leave us not, O Lord, our God.
*Thanks be to God.*

Before the ending of the day,
Creator of the world, we pray
That with thy wonted favour thou
Wouldst be our Guard and Keeper now.

From all ill dreams defend our sight,
From fears and terrors of the night;
Withhold from us our ghostly foe,
That spot of sin we may not know.

O Father, that we ask be done
Through Jesus Christ, thine only Son;
Who, with the Holy Ghost and thee,
Doth live and reign eternally. Amen.

Keep me as the apple of an eye;
*Hide me under the shadow of thy wings.*

Into thy hands I commend my spirit;
*For thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou God of truth.*

ANTIPHON

(Leader and People)

*Save us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping.*

ST. LUKE 2: 29

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation.
Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people.
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

ANTIPHON

(Leader and People)

*Save us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping, that we may watch with Christ, and may rest in peace.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.
*Christ, have mercy upon us.*
Lord, have mercy upon us.

(Leader and People)

*Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.*

I will lay me down in peace;
*And take my rest.*

(Leader and People)

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead: He ascended*

*into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost: The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints: The Forgiveness of sins: The Resurrection of the body: And the Life everlasting. Amen.*

Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost;
*Let us praise and exalt him for ever.*

Blessed art thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven;
*Above all to be praised and glorified for ever.*

The Almighty and merciful Lord guard us and give us his blessing.
*Amen.*

(Leader and People)

*We confess to God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, and before the whole company of heaven, that we have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed, and by omission, through our fault, our own fault, our own grievous fault; wherefore we pray God to have mercy upon us.*

ANTIPHON

(Leader and People)

*Almighty God, have mercy upon us, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.*

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you Absolution and Remission of all your sins, time for true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of his Holy Spirit.
*Amen.*

Wilt thou not turn again and quicken us, O Lord,
*That thy people may rejoice in thee?*

Show us thy mercy, O Lord,
*And grant us thy salvation.*

Vouchsafe, O Lord,
*To keep us this night without sin.*

O Lord, have mercy upon us,
*Have mercy upon us.*

O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us,
*As our trust is in thee.*

Hearken unto my voice, O Lord, when I cry unto thee.
*Have mercy upon me and hear me.*

The Lord be with you.
*And with thy spirit.*
Let us pray.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.
*Amen.*

May the souls of the faithful, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
*Amen.*

Bless we the Lord.
*Thanks be to God.*

# AN OFFICE OF COMMEMORATION

STANDING

O Lord, open thou our lips.
*And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.*
Praise ye the Lord.
*The Lord's Name be praised.*

He that giveth his mind to the law of the Most High and is occupied in the meditation thereof, will seek out the wisdom of all the ancient, and be occupied in prophecies.
*He will keep the sayings of the renowned men; and where subtil parables are, he will be also.*
He will seek out the secrets of grave sentences, and be conversant in dark parables.
*When the great Lord will, he shall be filled with the spirit of understanding: he shall pour out wise sentences, and give thanks unto the Lord in his prayer.*
He shall direct his counsel and knowledge, and in his secrets shall he meditate.
*He shall shew forth that which he hath learned,*

*and shall glory in the law of the covenant of the Lord.*

Many shall commend his understanding, and so long as the world endureth, it shall not be blotted out; his memorial shall not depart away, and his name shall live from generation to generation.

*For they that keep holiness holily shall be judged holy; and they that have learned such things shall find what to answer.*

Wherefore set your affection upon my words; desire them, and ye shall be instructed.

*Wisdom is glorious, and never fadeth away; yea, she is easily seen of them that love her, and found of such as seek her.*

She preventeth them that desire her, in making herself first known unto them.

*Whoso seeketh her early shall have no great travail: for he shall find her sitting at his doors. To think therefore upon her is perfection of wisdom; and whoso watcheth for her shall quickly be without care.*

*For she goeth about seeking such as are worthy of her, sheweth herself favourably unto them in the ways, and meeteth them in every thought.*

For the very true beginning of her is the desire of discipline; and the care of discipline is love;

*And love is the keeping of her laws; and the giving heed unto her laws is the assurance of incorruption;*
And incorruption maketh us near unto God;
*Therefore the desire of wisdom bringeth to a kingdom.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

I am the vine, ye are the branches: he that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.
If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain.

Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive power
And riches and wisdom and strength

And honour and glory and blessing.
*We praise and magnify thee, O Lord.*

Blessed be thy glorious Name,
That thy Word hath sounded forth
Not only in Jerusalem and Antioch,
In Athens and in Rome,
But in every place the Faith of Christ
Is spread abroad.
*All glory be to thee, O Lord.*

For thy good soldiers in every age
Striving lawfully, enduring unto the end,
*We bless and praise thy glorious Name.*

For the wisdom of doctors,
The zeal of evangelists,
The eloquence of prophets,
*We bless and praise thy glorious Name.*

For the love of pastors,
For the praise of babes, the ministry of women,
The purity of the young, the fervour of the aged,
For all the signs of thy Presence,
For all the marks of thy Cross,
*We bless and praise thy glorious Name.*

For the light of thy everlasting Gospel
Sent to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,
Shining so long amongst ourselves,
*All glory be to thee, O Lord.*

For thy gracious word of promise,
For thy Church, the pillar and ground of the Truth,
Against which the gates of hell shall not prevail,
*All glory be to thee, O Lord.*

That they that be wise shall shine
As the brightness of the firmament,
And they that turn many to righteousness
As the stars for ever and ever,
*All glory be to thee, O Lord.*

The Lord be with you.
*And with thy spirit.*
Let us pray.

KNEELING

Lord, have mercy upon us.
*Christ, have mercy upon us.*
Lord, have mercy upon us.

(Leader and People)

*Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.*

O Almighty God, who has knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord; Grant us grace so to follow thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys which thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
*Amen.*

Almighty and everliving God, we yield unto thee most high praise and hearty thanks, for the wonderful grace and virtue declared in all thy saints, who have been the choice vessels of thy grace, and the lights of the world in their several generations; especially thy servant, ———; most humbly beseeching thee to give us grace so to follow the example of their

stedfastness in thy faith, and obedience to thy holy commandments, that at the day of the general Resurrection, we, with all those who are of the mystical body of thy Son, may be set on his right hand, and hear that his most joyful voice: Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.

*Amen.*

O God of all the living, we thank thee for the happy memory of those whom thou hast called out of this transitory life into the eternal joy of thy presence. Thine they were upon the earth, as we are thine; and thine are they and we in differing experience still. Though our eyes cannot see them and our ears are deaf to their remembered voices, we bless thee that they are never absent from thy loving care. We thank thee for their lives of earthly service, for the happy days we spent in their companionship, the example of their faith and patience, the teaching of their words and deeds, and for their share in heaven's new opportunities of service. We confess to thee our neglects and transgres-

sions, our coldness and misapprehension, while they lived upon the earth, which we may no more confess to them. Our hearts have rest, knowing that thy love changeth not and that they see thy face with unobstructed vision. Help us so to live that they may welcome us with joy when thou shalt call us to thyself at last; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
*Amen.*

O God, of unchangeable power and eternal light; Look favourably on thy whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; and by the tranquil operation of thy perpetual Providence, carry out the work of man's salvation, and let the whole world feel and see that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and all things are returning to perfection through him from whom they took their origin, even through our Lord Jesus Christ.
*Amen.*

O thou who hast ordered this wondrous world, who knowest all things in earth and heaven; So fill our hearts with trust in thee, that by night and by day, at all times and in all seasons, we

may without fear commit those who are dear to us to thy never-failing love, for this life and the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
*Amen.*

Eternal and unchangeable God, in whom alone we find rest for our weariness and comfort for our sorrow, and from whom alone cometh all true joy; Keep our hearts, we beseech thee, ever fixed on thee through life and death, waiting patiently for that glorious day when we shall rejoice in the fulness of thy love for evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
*Amen.*

Almighty and everlasting God, who dost enkindle the flame of thy love in the hearts of the Saints; Grant to our minds the same faith and power of love, that, as we rejoice in their triumphs, we may profit by their examples; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
*Amen.*

Almighty and eternal God, to whom is never any prayer made without hope of mercy; Bow thine ear, we beseech thee, to our supplications,

and in the heavenly city cause us to be united with thy faithful servants; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
*Amen.*

Grant, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
*Amen.*

## BENEDICTIONS

The God of all grace, who hath called us into his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that you have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever.

Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, shine in your hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God, in the face of Jesus Christ.

The Father of all mercies and the God of all comfort, support you in all your tribulations; that you may be able to strengthen them which are in any trouble, by the grace wherewith you yourselves are comforted of God.

Grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father, Jesus Christ our Saviour, and the Holy Ghost the Comforter, be upon you and abide with you for ever.

The God of peace sanctify you wholly; your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Now God himself and our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ make you to increase and abound in love one toward another and toward all men, that he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before him.

The eternal and ever-blessed Father, source of all light and life, so fill you with his grace and heavenly benediction, that Christ who is the brightness of his glory may dwell in you, and you in him, both now and evermore.

May the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, rest upon you and upon all your work and worship done in his Name. May he give you light to guide you, courage to support you, and love to unite you, now and for evermore.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore.

Grace be unto you and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, that

your love may abound more and more, that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ.

The Almighty Lord, who is a most strong tower to all those who put their trust in him, to whom all things in heaven and earth and under the earth do bow and obey, Be now and evermore your defence; and make you know and feel that there is none other Name through whom you may receive health and salvation, but only the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost, bless, preserve, and keep you; the Lord mercifully with his favour look upon you, and fill you with all spiritual benediction and grace; that in this life, and in the world to come, you may be partakers of eternal life.

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant; Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever.

The Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named; Grant you to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; that, Christ dwelling in your hearts by faith, you may be filled with all the fulness of God.

The Lord hear you and bless you; May he deliver you from your spiritual enemy, and from all that is evil, and keep you under the shadow of his wings, this night and for evermore.

The everlasting Father bless you with his blessing everlasting.

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